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(SBU) Post submitted ref A points via diplomatic note February 22 to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs encouraging the Sultanate to support the nomination of the U.S. candidate, Judge Mark Painter, for the UN Appeals Tribunal. During a February 28 meeting with Counselor Mohammed al-Hassan, Political Affairs Director for the Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs, the DCM delivered ref B demarche and urged the Omani government to vote in favor of Judge Painter's candidacy. Al-Hassan stated that Oman would give serious consideration to Judge Painter's nomination but did not commit to voting for him.

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